IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-12 (Canceled).

Claim 13 (New): An image generation unit, comprising:

a light input section configured to receive primary illumination light from a first or light incidence direction;

an image generation element arrangement configured to produce an image by using the primary illumination light or a derivative of the primary illumination light and to thereby generate secondary illumination light; and

a light output section configured to emit the secondary illumination light or a derivative of the secondary illumination light as tertiary illumination light representative for the image in a second or image emission direction,

wherein the light input section and the light output section are arranged such that the first or light incidence direction and the second or image emission direction are collinear coincident with respect to each other, and

wherein the respective collinearly and coincidence properties of the first and second directions with respect to each other are realized by a single optical folding element only.

Claim 14 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13, further comprising a polarization selective beam splitting device provided as the single optical folding element and including a light input section serving as the light input section of the image generation unit or as a part thereof, and a light output section serving as the light output or light emission section of the image generation unit or as a part thereof.

Claim 15 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 14,

wherein the polarization selective beam splitting device includes a beam splitting cube, a first pair of opposing surfaces serving as the light input section of the image generation unit or as a part thereof and as the light output section of the image generation unit or as a part thereof, respectively.

Claim 16 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 14,

wherein the polarization selective beam splitting device comprises a polarization selective beam splitting interface configured to reflect light of a first or p-polarized/s-polarized polarization state and configured to transmit light of a second or s-polarized/p-polarized polarization state.

Claim 17 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13,

wherein at least one of the image generation element arrangement or elements or parts thereof are positioned outside a path or passage defined by the first and second directions outside the polarization selective beam splitting device or its polarization selective beam splitting interface.

Claim 18 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13,

wherein the image generation arrangement comprises a reflective imager panel element in a form of a LCD-panel configured to controllably generate an image.

Claim 19 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13,

wherein the image generation element arrangement comprises a mirror configured to receive light reflected by the polarization selective beam splitting interface or a derivative thereof and to reflect the received light back, thereby changing its polarization state from p to s and/or from s to p, respectively.

Claim 20 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13,

wherein the image generation element arrangement comprises a color switching element configured to controllably generate at least one first spectral component of incident light and to avoid transmission of the complimentary spectral range of the at least one first spectral range.

Claim 21 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 20,

wherein the color switching element comprises a quarter wave retarder and a reflective electronic color switch.

Claim 22 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 21,

wherein the imager panel element and the reflective arrangement together with the color switching element are configured at or in a second pair of opposing sections of the image generation unit and of the polarization selective beam splitting device,

the opposing sections being different from the light input or light incidence section and the light output or light emission section of the image generation unit, and further the opposing sections are different from the light input section and the light output section of the polarization selective beam splitting device.

Claim 23 (New): An image generation unit according to claim 13,

wherein the opposing sections of the image generation unit and of the polarization selective beam splitting device are perpendicular oriented with respect to the light input or light incidence section and the light output or light emission section of the image generation unit, and are perpendicular oriented with respect to the light input section and the light output section of the polarization selective beam splitting device.

Claim 24 (New): An image projection device, comprising:

an illumination unit configured to generate primary illumination light,

an image generation unit configured to receive the primary illumination light and to generate and emit an image; and

a projection unit configured to receive and project the image,

wherein the image generation unit is formed according to claim 13.